

W^Hereas Nat. Thompson hath lately, in his *publick Intelligence* of the 25th of October 1681, published these Words following, as delivered by the *Earl of Huntington* to His Majesty; the said *Earl* being at that time admitted to the Honour of Kissing His Majesties Hand. That is to say, *That the said Earl had by experience found, That they who promoted the Bill of Exclusion were for the subversion of Monarchy it self.* We who will not deny our selves interested in the promotion of that *Bill* in *Parliament*, then judging it the best means of uniting His Majesty, and the universality of His *Subjects*, and of calling back such Hearts (if any such were) as had in the least deviated from him, or His Royal Power: Finding our selves for that very Reason involved in this ignominious Censure, held it expedient to report to the *Earl of Huntington*, to know whither he own'd what *Thompson* had no less insolently than injuriously in his *Lordships* name published; which we accordingly did, and having demanded of the said *Earl* the truth of that matter, He positively denied the utterance of any the said words, either to His Majesty or any body else; with strong Affeversations, That he knew of no persons whatever so wickedly disposed as the words published by *Thompson*, in his *Lordships* name, imported.

However, since ill designs frequently meet with success, and the Trade of subverting mens Reputations is as really practised, as some persons of great Ignorance, and depraved manners, would have the subversion of the Government believed to be; and since we find our selves in Print, Published, and probably to have ridden post through the whole *Kingdom*, pursued with so reflective a Character, which will well enough serve turn to gratifie the Revenge of some, and the Malice, Pride, Ignorance and ill-humour of others: We think fit hereby to declare, That whither the *Lord Huntington* hath, or any other person shall hereafter affirm, That we who were for passing the *Bill of Exclusion* of the *DUKE of YORK* (and with our selves, we may with Justice enough comprehend the universality of those worthy Persons of *both Houses* who concurred with us in opinion) were for the subversion of the *Monarchy*, or had any the least thought or imagination tending to so horrid a Stratagem, so contrary to common safety, the Laws of this Kingdom, and we hope to the Will of the *Wise Disposer* of all things, That such Assertions, by whosoever made, abound as well with Impudence and Falsehood, as with Levity and Misconclusion; and we would remind such Traducers of the good *Statutes* of this *Realm*, which *forbid any man to be so Hardy as to publish Falsehoods*, (one Statute calls them *False-Lies*) 3. E. 3. 34.
2. R. 2. 11. whereby Discord or occasion of Discord or Slander may arise between the *King* and His *People*, or the *Great men* of the *Realm*, the execution of which *Laws* we submit to His Majesties Will and Pleasure, Relying on his Royal Word in his late *Declaration*: For certainly nothing can more justly provoke the Indignation of a *Prince* than *High Treason*; nor distemper the mind of a *Loyal Subject*, than to have his Innocence so venomously blasted. And we further declare, that we always were, and are still readier, and more heartily disposed to Draw our Swords, and expose our Lives for the advancement of the *Kings Honour*, support of his *Crown* and *Government*, and safety of his *Person*, than such Impotent *Defamators* (how Great soever) either are, or perhaps know how to be: to whom we subjoyn their dark countenancers, whose special skill lies in pilfering away the credit of well-deserving Subjects, and privately insinuating such reproaches, as either they dare not, or are ashame'd to fix a name to.

This We think fit to publish under our Hands, to disabuse the World, which such dabbling Politicians indeavour so shamelessly to impose on.

MONMOUTH.

F. GREY.

HERBERT.